

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLANT TAXONOMISTS

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Dr. Robert F. Thorne
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Claremont, California

Dear Bob:

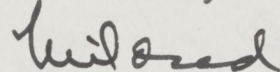
I hope that by now you are acclimated to smog and other features of southern California which make it different from Iowa. Maybe I can deliver the welcome in person before too long but now I am trying to get out from under after being away most of the summer.

At the Corvallis meeting of the Council of the ASPT we spent some time on the problem of editor for Brittonia to succeed Rog. He has requested that we try to replace him as soon as possible but he will serve through 1963 if necessary. The Council feels that you would make an excellent successor and we hope you will consider taking over the job allowing the next year for transition. We thought that in this way you and Rog might work out a schedule mutually satisfactory. Also we agree to supply the editor \$500 annually for editorial or secretarial assistance with the proviso that this be obtained from author's payments or reduced journal size. We are going to request that authors pay for their papers whenever possible on a regular page charges system such as is used by several other groups. This will be explained in detail in the annual news letter.

Rick is continuing as Managing Editor at least for the next year. He shall be retiring before too long but we hope that even he won't give up the job.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Rog and I hope that the two of you will explore the suggestions of the Council thoroughly before making an decision. If you can agree on a transition which will satisfy both of your schedules we shall be delighted and we are hopeful for an acceptance from you.

Best wishes,



Mildred E. Mathias
Chairman of the Council

cc: Mc Vaugh